

# HAPPENINGS<sup>IN</sup>

ASAROKA LUTHERAN SECONDARY SCHOOL, 2017



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THE OFFICE OF THE CHAPLAIN WILL ON A MONTHLY BASIS WRITE SUCH REPORTS OF WHAT IS HAPPENING AT ASAROKA LUTHERAN SECONDARY SCHOOL.

THE INTENTION OF THIS 'HAPPENINGS' IS FOR STAKEHOLDERS AND STUDENTS TO KNOW WHAT IS HAPPENING AT THEIR SCHOOL. WE HOPE IT BECOMES A MEDIUM OF COMMUNICATION.

THE SCHOOL ITSELF IS ONE OF THE OLDEST IN THE COUNTRY AND IT HAS PRODUCED SOME OF THE LEADERS WE HAVE IN THE CHURCH AS WELL AS THE GOVERNMENT.

THE 'HAPPENINGS' WILL BE ISSUED WITH THE INTENTION TO GIVE A REPORT IN THE PERSPECTIVE OF THE CHURCH AND TO TELL HOW GOD IS TAKING CARE OF THE SCHOOL.

THE SCHOOL ITSELF WAS

STARTED BY THE FIRST LUTHERAN MISSIONARY TO THE AREA (PS. LEN TSCHARKE). HE WANTED THE SPIRITUAL AND THE PHYSICAL ASPECTS OF HUMAN LIVES TO BE BALANCED BECAUSE FOR THE LACK OF THE OTHER IT AFFECTS ANOTHER. THE SCHOOL CONTINUES TO MAINTAIN THIS FEATURE.

ABOVE PICTURES: STUDENTS AT ASSEMBLY WITH UNIFORMS, FEW OF THE 65 TEACHERS AFTER THE ASSEMBLY AND PASTOR BENSON SAMARAPA (CHAPLAIN) right.



## 1. TEACHERS INSTALLATION

Asaroka Lutheran Secondary School has 65 teachers including the Principal and 3 deputies. The 65 teachers were installed on the 31 of May 2017.

Church leaders from the ELC –PNG Goroka district conducted the installation. Reverend Graham Baitol, Pastor of St. Johns shared a very inspiring and challenging message. A *mumu* was organized by the school to which everyone enjoyed.

## 2. NEW SCHOOL BUS

A new 16 seater bus has been added to the fleet of vehicles. The Principal, Mr. Peter Hasu announced that it was time the school had a bus to transport day teachers. Mr. Hasu said that the bus was bought over the holiday periods and it was ready for 2017 school year. The bus was dedicated by the school Chaplain.

Day teachers have expressed gratitude that the school bus is now doing a fine job picking up and dropping off teachers. It is a relief, as one had to struggle with the large student and public population to go home or come to school catching the PMV buses.

## 3. COMPUTERS & OTHER GIFTS FROM ADELAIDE

Asaroka is a very lucky school! Our partners from Golden Grove in Adelaide, Australia sent us a large container packed with goods. Computers, library books, projectors, practical skills power tools, Sunday school books and many more stuff were sent!

This partnership had existed for many years. Pastor Len Tschärke (who started the school and the mission here) and his sons and other Christians visit some times each year and do help. We have not been able to



thank them enough for their help in times of need but these help have been a great rays of sunshine to us. The happiness we feel is a great blessings we believe they receive in reverse. May God greatly bless them.

## 4. SPEAKERS FOR REACHOUT

The Reach Out and congregation of the Asaroka Lutheran Secondary school have been blessed with 2 new Peavey speakers, microphones and other peripherals. Keyboard from Adelaide is a blessing toward this. The Chaplain thanked the school administration on behalf of the congregation and Reach -Out for looking at the need and stepping in.

## 5. EASTER CAMP IN LAE

The annual Easter camp for this year will be held in Gabmazung, Markham. Over 90 students and teachers are ready to go. Mr. Peter Hasu (Principal) has said that the school will assist with transport down and back. The camp fee

should be met by each participant.

Participants from all Highlands schools as well as Momase are expected to attend, as is the tradition. The Easter camp begins on Thursday evening and ends on Sunday evening. Enjoy Easter those of you who go and celebrate man's liberation from sin and bondage by the Child who was born, died and rose again.

## 6. RINTEBE VS ASAROKA

Asaroka and Rintebe have a special sister schools relationship. Every year sports are organized between these two schools where teachers play games. Recently we went to Rintebe and we were welcomed. A big feast was organized for us and we were treated like kings and queens. Thank your Rintebe.

Asaroka will invite them next term (term 2). It is a time we enjoy very much and come to know each other.





**7. CHALLENGES**

We have mentioned lots of blessings. It is man’s tendency to always want to enjoy good things and not bad circumstances. But such bad situations make us to learn and grow.

We have had our challenges too. Typhoid has begun to hit some students. But health authorities have stepped in quickly and the sickness is under control.

We also had students who passed away last year. Parents of teachers have also died. When this happens we assist in little ways we could.

There have also been other issues regarding the Principal position but that has died and the school is running normal.

All in all, this is the first issue of “Happenings in Asaroka and we will try our best to issue once a month. We thank you all for thinking of us.

God bless you all



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Instruments bought by school admin with the keyboard sent by Adelaide friends in the chapel. Below are Clair and Len Tscharke

